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As a below named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

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I/we believe I/we am/are the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled <u>METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY WASHING USED REACTION CUVETTES IN AN AUTOMATIC ANALYZER</u>,

the specification of which; (check one) [🗸] is attached hereto. [] was filed on _ as Application Serial No. (if applicable). and was amended on ___ I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I/we hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application of patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: Prior Foreign Application(s) **Priority Claimed** Yes- No -[] (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Number) (Country) [] [] (Number) (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Country) [] [] (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

I/we hereby claim the priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), which is material to the examination of this application and which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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